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CONGRESSMAN PETERS declares that the lack of the asked-for increase of service on some of the mail lines in Kansas is the result of incompetency on the part of the Democratic administration. Mr. Peters is a good leader!

CLEVELAND'S order for the cattle men to move out of the Indian Territory inside of forty days will probably affect western Kansas favorably. These cattle owners have to go somewhere. Of course, some can go to New Mexico, others to Colorado, and yet others to Wyoming, and so on; but western Kansas is nearer than any of these other localities to these unfortunate, though wealthy, outcasts, and she extends to them a cordial welcome—if they wish to come to help the stock-farm boom.

THIS is Democratic doctrine of the true stamp. It comes from the Washington Post, which is no Cleveland hybrid: "There has never been but one right and decent way to transfer the government, and that is one which commands itself to everybody. The six or seven thousand offices contemplated in the civil service law should be left to the rules. The rules provide for cases of incompetency, insubordination or immoral conduct. The remaining offices, more than one hundred thousand in number, should be dealt with openly, fairly and courageously. They belong to the administration, and the administration owes nobody an apology for taking possession. The people called the Democracy to govern, and they expect them to do it. There is no occasion for secrecy, stealth, accusation—no need for anything save absolute assurance that changes shall be made in the interest of the people, of order and of justice."

GENERAL GRANT.

The admirable sketch of the life and death of General Grant, which we publish in this number, is placed before our readers with pleasure. This, however, like all the sketches of this great man which have preceded it, fails to locate his place among the world's great commanders. It is, perhaps, enough for us to know now that he commanded the grandest armies known to history, and that his legions, as far as his personal supervision extended, were uniformly successful. That in the field of military genius he was a Napoleon the First, we have no reason to believe. It is, at the same time, probable that Grant was the superior of Wellington and the most of the other great commanders of modern times. The most splendid courage, added to the paragon of placid temperaments, placed General Grant at the head of the national armies, and sustained him at every step.

A nation now mourns the loss of him who has been its central figure since the death of Lincoln. His name will be a perpetually-blazing orb for the future guidance of the lovers of liberty.

CONVENTION CUES.

We attended the judicial convention, and have a few remarks to make outside of what will appear in the secretary's report of the proceedings. It was the best-natured convention which we ever attended. This feature was mentioned by many of the attendants. This is accounted for partially by the fact that the convention did not last long enough to weary anybody, but there is a reason back of this: The convention was, generally speaking, a representative body of men, who met without prejudice against any of the candidates.

The name of our judge will continue to be Pratt. L. K. Pratt, the nominee of the convention, looks young almost unto boyishness. He is said, however, to be thirty years old, and an able lawyer. His standing as a man is excellent in his own town and county. The Democrats will probably have a candidate in the field for judge, but the Republican nominee will have a walkover.

E. A. McMath received upwards of twenty votes on each of several ballots, and made a decidedly good impression on the convention. Shortly before the final ballot, about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, it looked like McMath stood a chance, at least, to be nominated; but before the time arrived to ballot for him Rathbone and Pratt became the only contestants for the time being. The Decatur county delegation, by not voting promptly, saw that it could decide the contest. It acted. On the final ballot, Pratt received

34 votes; Rathbone, 29. On the ballot just before, Rathbone had received 30 votes and Pratt about the same number.

C. W. Smith, of Rooks county, had excellent backing from his own county, but he was unable to combine the south-side influences in his behalf. A good many Rooks county men vow that they will not soon forget Patchen. They say that Rooks county made him what he is, and that he owed his support to Smith, who had always been his friend.

George Stinson, of Phillips, had the support of an elegant home delegation, but, as we had said before, it was to be W. H. Pratt or nobody from that county this time.

TREGO COUNTY TRACINGS.

Served up by the "World's" Rustling Reporters.

COLLYER CAWINGS.

COLLYER, July 29.

Clerks idle.
Trade slow.
Post-office moved.
Thistles in bloom.
Generous showers.
Whew! how warm.
Preparing for haying.
Roasting ears in market.
Good demand for ranch property.
School land purchasers on the alert.
The doctor's friend has appeared—the cucumber.

A number of ladies witnessed the match game of ball.

Mr. Brandenburg ordered quite largely of nursery stock.

Our post-office is now back in its old quarters, south of the hotel.

Mrs. Wm. Jennings, of Gove county, paid Mrs. Fisher a visit on Saturday.

Mr. McCane finished unloading his car of household goods on Thursday.

F. B. Strong, of Buffalo Park, came down Saturday morning to watch the game.

Now is the time to apply the knife to thistles and rid the land of next season's increase.

Land seekers have been in town almost every day during the week; most of them speculators.

Nellie Kessler, daughter of R. G. Kessler, was quite sick last week, but is much better now.

Exercise of both body and voice was necessary on Friday to prevent the hawks from seizing their prey.

B. O. Richards sold his homestead last week to an eager buyer for \$650. This land lies a mile southwest of town.

Small improvements constantly being made by the farmers plainly indicate that hard times for western Kansas are mostly past.

Rains last week were so numerous as to become quite common. For a few days we had both morning and evening showers.

Services on Sunday were poorly attended, owing in part to the fact that two weeks ago no service was held. A few strangers added numbers to the audience.

A brother and a brother-in-law of Walter Brown, of Kansas City, spent a few days here in search of school land. O. T. Birkeland showed his friends around the country.

Lost or Strayed—The WESTERN KANSAS WORLD, bound for Collyer. Information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received by the many subscribers who were disappointed by their non-arrival last Saturday.

Mr. Rockwell, as agent for the Topeka nursery of Taylor & Co., was soliciting orders on Tuesday, and found many of our citizens quite interested in tree culture. His specimens of fruit, preserved in alcohol, proved a great incentive to purchase.

A week ago unknown parties entered Mr. Chase's house, north of town, and managed to leave things quite disorderly.

Anyone wanting a job of blacksmithing done should call on Charles F. Malms, of Collyer, who is prepared to perform all branches of blacksmith work, including the repairing of farm machinery. You will find Mr. Malms ready for business at T. K. Phillips' old shop. 334-3

Considerable interest is manifested in the base-ball game between the Wa-Keeneey and Collyer clubs, to be played here on Friday. Many are preparing for the ball, which will close the pleasures of the day, who are not so much concerned with the match game. The proceeds of the dance will be used to defray the expenses of the Collyer club.

It has not been ascertained yet whether the boxes they emptied contained articles of value, as the family is at present in Kansas City, but expected here next month.

Aaron Hallenbeck spent a few days at home this week, returning to his position at Hugo last evening. Mr. H. is a living illustration of the Greeley adage, "Go west and grow up with the country." He is one of Collyer's early settlers, and one who willingly undertook any kind of work which circumstances offered. The result is he has proved himself a competent and faithful worker, and will soon reap the reward in his promotion to a roadmastership. His friends congratulate him on his success.

Last Friday was no exception to the warm days which have prevailed of late, and as the sun was making its descent the clouds appeared above the horizon in the north and west. By six they had twisted into shapes which had a tendency to attract the attention and make tremulous the nerves. At first heavy black clouds seemingly rested upon the earth, which were divided horizontally by a twisted wind cloud like a long white robe, later these were changed by the black clouds lifting sufficiently to permit their edges to be painted fiery red by the setting sun, the eastern end of the wind cloud breaking from its rolled form into another greatly resembling a cascade, while in the thunder clouds above were two narrow, parallel streaks of white. During these changes the wind had risen, and on the opposite side of the heavens was also cloud-covered, the force of the wind having been spent in hastening their journey across the sky. Quite a heavy shower of rain moistened the earth, and then the blue sky, token of peace and serenity, again appeared.

Saturday began with a heavy fog, concealing all distant objects from view, but before noon it had disappeared and the heat rapidly increased until by afternoon even base ball players might have been satisfied. The match game between the Buffalo Park second nine and the Collyer club took place at the appointed time, with results as follows:

COLLYER CLUB		12345678910 total
Joe Shortell	0100000100	2
Geo Armrod	0100000100	2
Mike Ryan	1100000100	3
Rob Power	1000000100	2
Hol Colby	1010100100	4
J Siebert	0000000000	0
C Connor	0000000000	0
P Richards	0000000000	0
Wm Montgomery	0100000100	2
Total	3410100700	16

BUFFALO PARK CLUB		0000010001 2
Binger	0000010001	2
McCoy	0000000000	0
Geo Shafer	0000020000	2
T B Sloey	0101020000	4
Catherans	0001010000	2
Shoun	0001010001	3
C Cowser	0000011001	3
Parkes	0001000001	2
Listaberger	0001010000	2
Total	0105091004	20

The people of this vicinity were greatly surprised last Thursday to learn that our accommodating railroad agent, J. W. Kyle, had been discharged without any cause being assigned. For a long time the public, especially that portion connected with the railroad, has been aware that one man in this town was doing all he could, and using all the influence he had, to get Mr. Kyle removed from his positions as R. R. agent and postmaster, but a railroad official denies that his influence has effected the desired result. It has, however, had the natural consequence of causing many to express their sympathy with Mr. Kyle who might otherwise have thought it unnecessary. Mr. Kyle accepted the position of night agent

here in 1882, and during the years since, in which he has performed the duties of R. R. agent, postmaster and justice of the peace, he has been found thoroughly honest in all his business transactions, and has been accommodating even to his own detriment. Mr. Pumphrey, late night agent at Buffalo Park, has accepted the agency here, and entered at once upon his duties, surprising a few the first day by his strict adherence to railroad orders. W. C.

BANNER BUGLINGS.

BANNER, July 21.

I was so busy last week locating home seekers that I did not have time to bugle anything from Banner—not for their money, as X would have people believe, for I will say, and I believe X will believe it, that I make no money of land seekers more than he does off cattle hunters. I will just say in regard to X's strictures in the Ripples in the World of the 18th inst., that it shows on the face that he was too blue to write anything else. I always thought he had blue blood, but the Ripples have shown that he is blue in every fibre, and that he is trying to make other people blue. Well, sir, most anybody would be blue if he had lost as many cattle from eating loco and starvation as he lost last winter. Now, sir, all this tempest in a teapot is of no consequence. I say emphatically that farming is a success in western Kansas. If I plant corn, I plant it to raise a crop of corn. If I succeed, is not that successful farming? I have repeatedly done this. When I sow millet, and it makes a good crop of hay, isn't that successful farming? I have never failed to raise good millet when I have put the seed in the ground. I never failed to raise good sorghum, turnips and melons, and I seldom fail to raise good potatoes, cabbage, and many other things too numerous to mention. Is that successful farming? And there are others in this neighborhood who have not for the past four years failed to raise bountiful crops. Do you call that successful farming? There is quite a difference between successful farming and disposing of the produce of the farm after it is raised; and there is but one way that we can dispose of it that will pay, and that is to feed it to stock, and even X, looking at it with his blue eyes, admits that stock-farming will pay. That is all I ever claimed. We have stacks of feed rotting in stack yards, because we didn't have sufficient stock to eat it. X is a young man whom I have the highest regard for, and he is capable of writing much abler letters than I am as soon as he gets well of the blues. I would say to X, as we both arrive at the same conclusion, let us shake hands, and quit, and invite people to come and see for themselves what we are raising.

Good interest is kept up at the Sabbath school. The attendance is good.

The school house question is being agitated in this school district. Some want it moved to one place, and some to another. I suppose the question will be decided at the regular school meeting.

New settlers coming in all the time. We have lots of good land to locate them on yet, and I am always happy to show good land to good men. Come to see or address,

J. CANTREL B.

Three Themes.

The sheep business, comprising both the wool and mutton produce, is one of the greatest industries in the United States.

In hot weather all the unconsumed food should be frequently swept away from the chicken coops, as it soon sours and acts like poison if taken into the crop.

Scotch farmers hold that cut straw is better for the dairy when newly threshed, and therefore they thresh each day enough fodder for the next day's consumption.

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Dodge City Times.

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